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SUBJECT: US VISIT OF GENERAL DURAN: FONMIN COMPLAINT

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1. AMBASSADOR RECEIVED ON SEPTEMBER 3 A FIRST PERSON DIPLOMATIC NOTE FROM FOREIGN MINISTER PESANTES EXPRESSING THE "PUZZLEMENT" OF THE GOE THAT GENERAL GUILLERMO DURAN ARCENTALES, ECUADOREAN ARMY COMMANDER AND MEMBER OF THE GOE SUPREME COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT, WAS NOT TREATED WITH THE APPROPRIATE COURTESIES DURING HIS RECENT TRIP TO THE US, NOR WAS PROPER SECURITY PROVIDED.

2. INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF PESANTES' NOTE FOLLOWS.
"MR. AMBASSADOR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO DIRECT MYSELF TO YOUR EXCELLENCY WITH THE OBJECT OF POINTING OUT THE PUZZLEMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ECUADOR AT THE FACT THAT THE CORRESPONDING AMERICAN AUTHORITIES DID NOT PROVIDE TO BRIGADIER GENERAL GUILLERMO DURAN ARCENTALES, MEMBER OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT, DURING HIS TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES FOR HEALTH REASONS, THE COURTESIES AND THE PERSONAL SECURITY MEASURES APPROPRIATE TO HIS RANK OF CHIEF OF STATE.

3. "WITH AMPLE TIME THE EMBASSY OF ECUADOR IN WASHINGTON INFORMED THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE OF GENERAL DURAN'S TRIP AND AT THE SAME TIME ASKED FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE
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INDISPENSABLE SECURITY MEASURES FOR HIM AND HIS PARTY

DURING THE ENTIRE TIME OF HIS STAY IN THE US. A SIMILAR REQUEST WAS MADE THROUGH YOUR EXCELLENCY, BUT NONETHELESS, GENERAL DURAN STAYED IN NEW YORK AND CLEVELAND WITHOUT ANY SECURITY MEASURES BEING TAKEN, WITH THE CORRESPONDING RISKS.

4. "THE NON-OFFICIAL NATURE OF THE VISIT, IN THE OPINION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ECUADOR, DID NOT ELIMINATE THE THREAT TO THE PERSONAL SECURITY OF GENERAL DURAN, AND, IT IS IN THIS SENSE THAT I MAKE THIS REMONSTRANCE, TO WHICH IS ADDED THE LACK OF CORRESPONDING COURTESIES TO A PERSON OF OFFICIAL RANK."

5. EMBASSY QUITO REQUESTED COURTESIES AND SECURITY IN REFTEL. REQUEST THAT DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATE GOE COMPLAINT AND THAT WE BE PROVIDED SUGGESTED RESPONSE TO PESANTES' NOTE.
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